

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 stand rejected. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claims 13-22 are allowed and that claims 2-5 and 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the claim rejections, the claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 10. In addition, claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is essentially claim 10 written in independent form, and is thus in condition for allowance. Moreover, claims 6, 7 and 12 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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